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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No. : 09/713,163  
Confirmation No.: 3393  
Applicants : Allen D. Polowinczak and Vincent F. Eslick  
Filed : November 14, 2000  
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Docket No. : 1247 P 179  
Customer No. : 26961

Title : Actuator for a Tilt-Latch for a Sash Window

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on August 19, 2003. Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one (1) month extension of time. With this extension, the time to respond is now set at September 19, 2003. Enclosed is check No. 18416 in the sum of \$110.00 as the fee for the extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

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 Amdt. dated September 19, 2003  
 Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2003

				Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	53	- 58	= 0	x \$ 9	\$	x \$ 18	\$0
Independent	18	- 20	= 0	x \$ 42	\$	x \$ 84	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				x \$ 140	\$	x \$ 280	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$0	

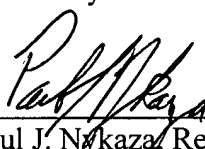
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X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

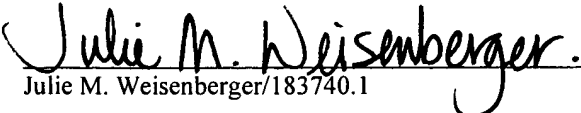
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**SECOND REPLY TO MAY 19, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on May 19, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims at issue. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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